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Committee Bill No. 6290

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING INMATE PURCHASES, CLOTHING AND VISITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 18-88 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (k) The Commissioner of Correction may establish, within the
5 industrial fund, commissaries to be operated for the purpose of sale to
6 inmates of items authorized by the commissioner. The price at which
7 any such item is sold to an inmate shall not exceed the fair market
8 value of such item. The cost of the commissary operation shall be
9 charged to the fund and the proceeds of such sales shall be deposited
10 in the fund. The commissioner is authorized to transfer a portion of the
11 profits from the operation of the commissaries to the Correctional
12 General Welfare Fund established under section 4-57a.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The Department of
14 Correction shall provide a new and complete change of clothing for
15 each inmate every three months regardless of the amount of funds in

16 such inmate's commissary account.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The Department of
 18 Correction shall not require a child five years of age or under to be
 19 included on an inmate's visitor list or be subject to a criminal history
 20 and warrant query to verify criminal history information concerning
 21 such child prior to such child being allowed to visit an inmate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	18-88(k)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that inmates are not overcharged for items purchased at the commissaries, require that inmates be provided new clothing on a quarterly basis and provide that children five years of age and under do not have to undergo all the same procedures for visiting inmates as adults.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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